REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of March 13, 2006

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF)

On March 15, 2006 US citizen Steven Henry Zamora was arrested in Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico by agents of the Procuraduria General del Estado (PGJE) and the Tijuana, Baja California, State Preventive Police (PEP) for violation of Mexican immigration laws. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) and the Azusa, CA PD wanted Zamora for Murder, while the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation also wanted Zamora for Parole Violation. Charges against Zamora allege that he and other members of the 'Azusa 13 / East Los' street gang lured a female victim into a garage to play darts, attacked, and then murdered her by hanging her from the rafters. In March 2006, PSWRFTF investigators developed information that Zamora was hiding in a beach town near Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico. A subsequent investigation conducted by PSWRFTF and deputy US marshals (DUSMs) from the Central District of California (C/CA), with assistance provided by Mexican counterparts in the PGJE and PEP confirmed Zamora's location. Acting on this information on the afternoon of March 15, 2006, Mexican officials arrested Zamora and transported him to the office of the Instituto Nacional de Migracion (INM) in Tijuana. INM officials determined that Zamora had no legal right to remain in the Republic of Mexico and ordered him deported to the United States. Later that evening, Mexican officials expelled Zamora via the San Ysidro Port of Entry, where he was arrested by PSWRFTF and LASD investigators. Two other individuals associated with and deported at the same time as Zamora were wanted in the United States. Michael Jesus Knight was deported and arrested for Harboring a Fugitive, while Omar Kishore Gidwani was deported and arrested for Federal Probation Violation.

"Azusa 13/East Los" street gang member



Henry Zamora

Wanted for: Murder & Parole Violation

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF)

On March 15, 2006, Jack Johnson was arrested in Atlantic City, NJ by members of the NY/NJ RFTF and troopers from the NJ State Police Special Investigations Unit (NJSP SIU). Authorities in North Carolina wanted Johnson for two counts of Attempted Homicide, Aggravated Assault, Robbery, and Weapons Offenses. These charges stem from an incident on March 8, 2006 in which Johnson and two co-conspirators committed a home invasion robbery of rival drug dealers in High Point, NC. Following the robbery, the three men returned to their vehicle where a dispute erupted over the proceeds of the robbery. Johnson allegedly fired several rounds at his co-conspirators until his weapon malfunctioned. One victim sustained a gunshot wound to the neck; the second victim was wounded in the abdomen. The North Carolina Joint Regional Fugitive Task Force (NCJRFTF) obtained information indicating that Johnson fled to New Jersey, and on March 15, 2006 sent a collateral lead to the NY/NJ RFTF. After careful analysis of the information provided by NCJRFTF, investigators determined that Johnson was in a casino in Atlantic City. Later that evening, investigators from the NY/NJ RFTF and the NJSP SIU proceeded to the casino and observed Johnson playing blackjack. Investigators safely took Johnson in to custody.



Jack Johnson

Wanted for: Attempted Homicide, Aggravated Assault, Robbery & Weapons Violations

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF)

On March 17, 2006 Kenyounta Harvester was arrested in Milwaukee, WI by members of the GLRFTF. On March 03, 2006 an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigation resulted in the arrest of several members of a large scale cocaine distribution conspiracy. Harvester, the main target of the investigation, was the only subject to evade arrest. GLRFTF adopted the case on March 4, 2006. GLRFTF investigators, with substantial assistance from the Technical Operations Group (TOG), developed information leading to surveillance at a Milwaukee area hotel. Investigators learned that Harvester was staying in a room rented by a female using a fictitious name. As a result of this information, task force members approached the room and arrested Harvester when he answered the door.



Kenvounta Harvester

Wanted for: Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF)

On March 21, 2006 Phillip Morris, a known member of the "Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club" and associate of the "Outlaws" motorcycle gang, was arrested in Morristown, TN by members of SERFTF and deputy US marshals (DUSMs) from the Eastern District of Tennessee. Morris, a violent fugitive, was wanted on outstanding state charges for sexual battery, and possession with intent to distribute cocaine, oxycontin, hydrocodone, Xanax, and Ritalin. Morris was believed to have fled the Ocala, FL area after learning he was the subject of an active drug investigation conducted by the Marion County (FL) Sheriff's Department. Investigators also believed that Morris may have forced a female acquaintance to accompany him. While the initial investigation involved a drug conspiracy, a search of Morris' home revealed numerous video tapes of him sexually assaulting women. Based on this evidence, authorities filed additional sexual battery charges against Morris. Investigators tracked Morris through Ocala, FL to Columbus and Tifton, GA, until they determined that he fled to the Morristown, TN area. Once investigators confirmed that Morris was in Tennessee, they set up multiple surveillances, which helped identify Morris leaving a home. Investigators conducted a felony vehicle assault, which enabled them to safely take Morris in to custody. Investigators seized a .380 handgun and a hunting knife from Morris. The female forced to travel with Morris was not with him at the time of his arrest, but investigators found her unharmed the next day.



Phillip Morris

Wanted for Sexual Battery and Possession with Intent to Distribute Narcotics

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF)

On March 17, 2006 Oliver Jones was arrested in Washington, DC by members of CARFTF. DC Metropolitan PD wanted Jones for First Degree Sexual Abuse relating to a December 2005 incident. CARFTF investigators targeted Jones as part of Operation City Sweep, and received information regarding his whereabouts. Acting on this information, investigators responded to the target location and took Jones safely in to custody



Oliver Jones

Wanted for: Sexual Abuse